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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Illinois Osteopathic Medical Society (IOMS) and its leadership, thank you for your selfless work on the frontlines fighting COVID-19. The IOMS appreciates your diligent care for your patients during this national emergency, and we recognize the sacrifices you and your families have made. We also understand the personal stress you may feel and the difficult decisions you may have had to make in providing care for your patients while being held to very high standards. Often our heroic efforts go unnoticed during challenging times, **the IOMS “has your back” and is here to assist you in every way we can.** Along with the AOA, we continue closely monitoring developments from around the state and the nation and are partnering with our public health agencies. As we enter the third year of the pandemic, we are starting to see signs of normalcy returning to our lives.

After two years of virtual conferences, I am pleased to announce the **2022 Winter Scientific Seminar will be held in-person, December 8 – 11, 2022, at the Westin in Lombard.** It will provide up to **30 hours of CME** and IOMS members receive a discount on registration fees. Our education committee is hard at work developing a program full of “Information You Can Use” in your practices focusing on up-to-date, evidence-based medicine and quality care with an emphasis on individual patients’ needs and values.

IOMS leadership, along with many osteopathic medical students met with our Illinois senators, representatives, and/or their staff at DO Day on the Hill, which was held April 27-28, 2022, in Washington DC. Two key issues we lobbied for include support of “The CONNECT for Health Act” to permanently expand telehealth services and “The Rural America Health Corps Act” to increase patient access to medical care in rural and underserved areas by incentivizing health professionals to practice in these areas by providing up to \$200,000 of eligible student loan repayment. We also asked our elected officials to co-sponsor any legislation to stop the Medicare sequestration cuts that are negatively affecting physician practices and reducing access to care for our older patients.

Our membership committee is working on ways the IOMS can connect with you and provide IOMS sponsored services to ensure you are getting value from your membership. I would like to introduce to you an exciting opportunity that the IOMS has just launched. The AOA has made some changes recently to extend your dues to December 31, 2023. The IOMS Board of Trustees has voted to adopt a similar strategy whereas **if you renew your dues with the IOMS or sign up for a new membership with the IOMS, we are extending your IOMS membership through December 31, 2023.** This gives you up to 6 months of free membership.

The IOMS represents all DOs in Illinois regardless of residency training. We want to be your voice, provide continuing medical education, and offer mentorship programs. Now more than ever, DOs need to be a part of an organization that represents you.

I invite you to learn more about the IOMS and consider renewing, rejoining, or joining the IOMS today at [www.ioms.org](http://www.ioms.org).

Sincerely,  
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President, IOMS